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Shamans performed their feats at these celebrations.

In times of starvation they would go to other tribes to sing for them in order to receive gifts. The Pima also came in this fashion when they knew the Maricopa had plenty. Several days before the Maricopa set out they sent one of their number to the host village, provided with as many sticks as there were families intending to visit. A Pima man, acting for the hosts, collected an identical number to aid his memory. After the group arrived, these two told off each Maricopa family to the care of a Pima household. The latter would feed them in the evening and after the meal all gathered to dance. During the dance the Pima made gifts to their visitors: beads, baskets, bundles of mesquite beans or wheat, great jugs of sahuaro syrup, horses, and cattle. After their return the Maricopa would trade these among themselves until each had what he lacked.[2]

The Mountain Killdeer song had two disparate performances associated with it; one a display of power, the other a dance. In the display according to Kutox, the singer caused models of butterflies to flutter in time to his tune. A circular, roofless enclosure of willow poles was built, walled in with leafy branches. Across the top ran a series of parallel strings along which many yellow butterflies, cut out of mountain sheep skin, were tied. The singer sat at the center of the enclosure, which was about twenty feet in diameter and seven feet high. Others also sat within it to help him sing. As he sang, he beat on an inverted basket with one hand, scraping a stick (a foot long) on it with the other. "This made the butterflies look as though they were fluttering, as though they were dancing." This was simply a feat, not for curing.

The dance form coupled with the Mountain Killdeer song was used in the war dance (the performance preparatory to setting out to war), but also on other occasions. At the latter, Pima attended and a clown took part. Again the singer was seated. The dancers remained in hiding until he began to beat his basket: they then came forward in single file. Ten girls and ten young

[2] I was not told of the guest assuming the host's name, as recorded by Russell (*Pima Indians*, p. 171).